SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Now that the Minister has told that, I want to know whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that amongst the many properties destroyed, one was a canopy presented by the Nizam of Hyderabad to Maharaja Ranjit Singh and passed on to the Golden Temple. In addition, several hundred hand-written copies of Granth Sahib and Hukamnamas bearing the signatures of the Gurus were also destroyed. I want to know whether in computing the loss and compensation to whoever it has to be paid, you are going to take notice of these items as well.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, it is difficult to say anything definitely about individual items. But I shall take note of what the hon. Member has said.

SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, is the Government thinking of rehabilitation of those persons who are affected by the demolition of shops because we have seen in that area when we had been there...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has already replied to that.

SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: There is another rumous that the Government is contemplating to construct a new road by the vicinity of the Temple and these people will not be rehabilitated near about or near the Temple premises. That is one apprehension. I want to know whether the Government is thinking of having such a plan and whether the Government is thinking of rehabilitating these people near the complex.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Rehabilitation will take place subject to whatever plans we have in regard to the vicinity of the Temple. What I am saying is that rehabilitation will take place. I cannot say that they will be rehabilitated on the very spot on which their shops stand at the moment or stood previously. What is being done there is that there is a Master Plan being prepared. Now that will be under the Municipal Corporation or whatever local authority they have there. But that is still in the making. So, I cannot say anything definitely about it.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next Question. (Interruptions).

*226. [*The questioners (Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya and Shri Narendra Singh) were absent. For answer, vide cols.* 34-35 infra.]

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 267.

Computer centres set up by the HCL

*267. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:†
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of metropolitan and other cities where integrated computer centres were set up by the HCL; in 1983-84; and

(b) whether such a computer centre has been set up in Delhi also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) M/s. Hindustan Computer Limited (HCL) have sold distributed data processing networks to various customers. Based on such networks, the customers have set-up integrated computer centres, predominently for their own internal requirements. The

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Usha Malhotra.

names of the metropolitan and other cities in which such integrated computer centres have been set up are:—

(a) Hosur, Tamil Nadu

(b) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

(c) Damanjodi, Orissa

(d) Faridabad, Haryana

(b) A computer network based on such distributed data processing has also been installed in Delhi by HCL, but this is mainly for HCL's internal use and for demonstration to potential customers and other external agencies.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the hon. Minister be kind enough to elucidate the term 'customer' which he mentioned in part (a) of his statement? Will it be the private sector, the public sector as well as entrepreneurs who will benefit from this programme? And will it be made available to them at a very nominal charge, I mean the services which we are going to have through these computerisation programme.

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the Government has given already 137 licences to both private and public sector companies. And our motto is to see that at reasonable prices these mini, micro and even medium computers are available to the public.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Is the equipment indigenous? May I know from the hon. Minister the capital cost as well as the operational cost of these Centres per year? Will the computers be made on a large scale so that the price is kept well within the reach of the common customer?

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this august House that as it stands most of the peripherals of the computers are imported now. The Central processing unit is the one which many are manufacturing in the country but the peripherals, in other words the printers, the floppy disc drive, etc. are all imported now. We have given considerable number of licences and we are sure these peripherals will be made in the country.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. (*Interruptions*).

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of 200 tonnes national silicon facility with U.S. collaboration

*266. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whethre it is a fact that the Department of Electronics has decided to collaborate with a U.S. firm for the setting up of 200 tonner National Silicon Facility for the ambitious photovoltaic programme and that the technology is considered to be obsolete and is of a very high cost;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for opting for a technology considered to be obsolete;

(c) whether such a technology was available within the country; and

(d) what is the estimated annual requirement of silicon in the country and how much of it is indigenously available at present and how much had to be imported during each of the last three years?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Electronics has concluded a technical collaboration agreement with M/s. Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, Michigan USA, a subsidiary of Dow Corning Corporation, Michigan, USA for the 200 tonne annum capacity